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1. In 1937 in the vicinity of Chubia there were: a coal mine on the Norkuta River, two oil fields and a third field (discovered in 1933) producing radioactive water.
2. A five hundred km highway had been built from Ust-Dvinsk near the Gulf of Dvinskaya on the White Sea to the Chubia region at the cost of about 120 thousand lives.
3. In the water field there were 18 bore holes, each 18 cm in diameter and ranging from five hundred to one thousand meters in depth. They were pumped night and day.
4. The water contained radioactive mud in an extreme colloidal state. A year of settling in reservoirs produced about one-half pound of radioactive solid material which was shipped to Moscow for processing.
5. The activities of the water field were secret enough that prisoner personnel who regularly worked it were never to be released.

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